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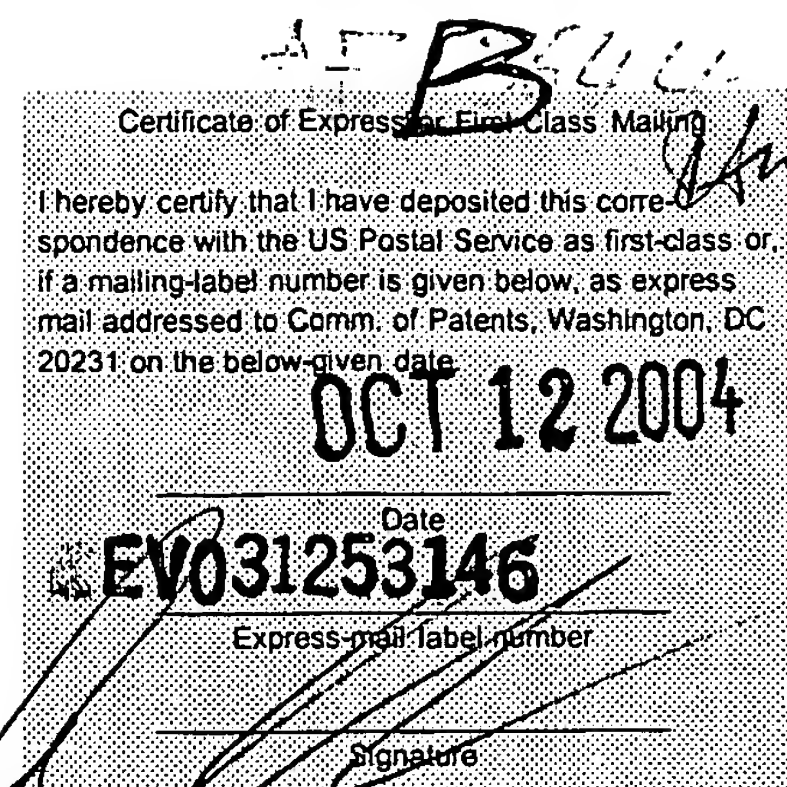
For PYROTECHNIC INITIATOR WITH IGNITION BRIDGE

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This is in response to the Office Action of 12 July 2004.

REMARKS:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention classified in Group II to which claims 7-9 and 13 are drawn. The requirement for restriction is, however, respectfully traversed.

The basis for the restriction requirement is allegedly that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as combination and subcombination. For a restriction on this ground to be maintained, the subcombination must have demonstrated separate utility from the combination.

The claims in this case are directed as follows:

Claim 4: to a pyrotechnic initiator.

Claim 7: to a pyrotechnic initiator.